

EXAMINER'S COMMENT

Pursuant to an agreement with Applicant (see attached interview summary), the Advisory Action mailed 10 April 2009 has been withdrawn and Applicant's arguments filed 24 March 2009 have been considered. The arguments, see, e.g., page 9, lines 23 - page 11, line 13, filed 24 March 2009, with respect to independent claim 1, have been fully considered and are persuasive for the reasons advanced by Applicant. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims has been withdrawn and claims 1, 4 and 6 are allowed.

Drawings

The drawings received on 24 March 2009 are accepted.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Comstock whose telephone number is (571) 272-4710 (a detailed message should be left if Examiner is unavailable). If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone or voicemail are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert, can be reached at (571) 272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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